

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A spill shield assembly for a refuse collection vehicle includes a slide panel assembly comprising a front slide panel and a rear slide panel. The assembly is applicable to vehicles having a refuse collection compartment, a refuse storage compartment and a packer ram assembly having a packer face plate. One of the front and rear slide panels of the spill shield assembly is adapted to slide over the other between an extended position in which the slide panels have no more than a small amount of overlap and are disposed generally horizontally when the packer face plate is in a rearward position and a retracted position in which the slide panels are significantly overlapped and are disposed at an angle so as to direct any material falling thereon into the collection compartment when the packer face plate is in a forward position.